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475 Early Bird Registrants, over 48 vendors...

17th Annual Spring Conference Set for March 27-30!

The 17th Annual Spring Conference is set for March 27-30. State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association (MEPA) sponsor the conference. This conference is a learning and networking tool for elected officials, emergency management directors, emergency responders (hazmat, fire, law and medical), volunteer agency representatives, and state agency emergency response personnel.

The General Sessions will be held each morning. Topics are: "The Power of Motivation," "Taking Control by Techniques in Emergency Hypnosis," "Laws of Leadership," "Terrorism in Schools – An Analysis of Beslan, Russia," and "Liability Issues."

Afternoons are devoted to workshops. The workshops are: "Picking up the Pieces – Aftermath of Three Missouri Airplane Crashes," "School Emergency Operations Plan Model – Working with School Districts and Local Government Agencies," "Citizens Corps 201 – You've Got a Group Together, Now What," "National Incident Management System," "Worried Well and Worried Sick: Effectively Managing Triage and Quarantine," "How can User Agencies and Search Managers Evaluate Search Dog Teams," "Delivering Effective Presentations," "Managing Your EOC During a Sustained Event," "Planning and Recovery," "Animals in Disasters/Foreign Animal Disease Considerations," "Planning and Recovery

Issues," "Spiritual Health and Well Being," and "Weather 101/Storm Spotter Information."

The registration fee is \$135. The conference fee covers conference handouts, conference breaks, Monday lunch, Tuesday lunch, Tuesday night's "Viva Las Vegas" banquet and dance, and a continental breakfast on Wednesday morning. Mail your registration to Conference Coordinator, Cathy Zumwalt c/o to MEPA Conference Account, P. O. Box 104553, Jefferson City, MO 65110 or pay at the registration desk at the conference.



PROCLAMATION SIGNED for Disaster Preparedness Month. Pictured from left are SEMA Director Ron Reynolds, DPS Director Mark James, Homeland Security Director Mike Chapman, Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, FEMA Region VII Director Dick Hainje, NWS meteorologist Jim Krampfer, SEMA Deputy Director Jim Wakeman and Disaster Assistance Branch Chief Chuck May.

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Director's Report

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the Media Masters training that focused on how to communicate effectively with the print and broadcast media. One successful strategy is to always have a "base" message and supporting points that refer back to the base message.



For anyone in emergency management, our base message is simple: "Keeping Missouri citizens safe." A supporting point in a disaster might be: "We've closed flooded roads at ... to keep Missouri citizens safe." During awareness campaigns, the point might be: "The statewide tornado drill focuses on seeking shelter which gives our citizens the tools to be safe." When we repeatedly refer to the agency's base message, communicating with the media or presenting to a local organization, will result in a consistent message.

March 15 is the scheduled date for the statewide tornado drill. Please fax or email the local drill report to Cathy Zumwalt at 573-634-7966 or cathy.zumwalt@sema.dps.mo.gov. The National Weather Service is very interested in the information you send Cathy.

Governor Blunt named new leadership for Department of Public Safety. Director Mark James, Director of Homeland Security Michael Chapman, and Adjutant General BG King Sidwell

have been invited to the Opening Session of the 17th Annual Spring Conference on Monday, March 28. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to all.

While we are experiencing positive change within the Department, our response and reporting procedures will remain the same.

I look forward to meeting you at the conference and my hope is for you to come away with many new and exciting ideas!

Ron Reynolds Named SEMA Director

In one of his first appointments, Governor Matt Blunt named Ronald M. Reynolds Director of the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency. Reynolds is a native of Central Missouri. He graduated from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri with a B.S. degree in Education and later completed an M.S. in Management from National University at San Diego, California. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army after a 22-year career.

Throughout his career he served in a variety of staff and command positions and was responsible for logistical operations while in the Netherlands and Germany. He directed a diversified ocean terminal transporting ammunition and sensitive cargo worldwide. His last assignment was ROTC Professor of Military Science at Lincoln University.

After retirement he joined the Dollar General Corporation's management staff working in distribution. There he managed workload planning, training and resource allocations.

James Named Public Safety Director, Chapman Is Director Homeland Security

Governor Matt Blunt selected Mark James to head Public Safety and Michael Chapman will serve as the Deputy Director of the department and Director of Homeland Security.

Mark James, 48, has over 26 years of law enforcement experience. He



worked with the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) for nine years and 17 years with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). James was the special agent in charge of the ATF Bureau for the Kansas City Division, which encompasses a four-state area. He overhauled the ATF's intelligence function and designed the MSHP's first criminal intelligence unit.

Prior to being named Director of Homeland Security and Deputy Director of DPS, **Michael**

Chapman, 49, was the assistant for homeland defense exercises and plans for the U.S. Secretary of Defense. Chapman brings to Missouri the experience of managing



department of defense activities in national-level homeland security and homeland defense operations. His previous experience includes foreign affairs and naval logistics. He has specialized in national security policy since 1995.

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NEWSLETTER

Matt Blunt	Governor
Mark James	Director DPS
BG King Sidwell	Adjutant General
Ronald Reynolds	SEMA Director
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ABOVE: Circuit Court Judge Benton administers the oath of office Director of Public Safety Mark James. Right: Ceremony attendees are Boone County FPD Chief Steve Pausell, State Fire Marshal Bill Farr, and Police Chiefs CEO Sheldon Lineback.



Sidwell Named Missouri's Adjutant General

Governor Matt Blunt named King E. Sidwell as the Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard. Brigadier General Sidwell will command the Army and Air National Guard. He reports to the governor, and is responsible for all state National Guard personnel, the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), and the Civil Air Patrol.

Sidwell, 54, a Sikeston attorney, has 30 years of commissioned service including his most recent assignment as assistant corps engineer in the 35th Engineer Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1972, a law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1975, and a Master of Strategic Science from the United States Army War College in 2000.

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Has Your
Email address
to receive grant and
current information!**

SEMA's Katt Retires

Former SEMA Deputy Director, Beaufort "Buck" Katt of Columbia retired January 7, 2005. Katt served as SEMA's Deputy Director for 11 years, following a distinguished 30-year career with the United States Army. At SEMA, he focused on mitigation efforts and worked in 13 "Presidential Declarations" beginning with the 1993 floods.

Mitigation became Katt's trademark. Following the 1993-94 floods, he managed Missouri's Voluntary Flood Buyout Program that expended \$100 million to help 44 local communities purchase 4,200 floodprone properties and relocate families out of the floodplains. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recognized SEMA with an award for "Outstanding Public Service" for exemplary administration and implementation of the Property and Relocation Program that serves as a "model for the nation."

He was Missouri's first State Hazard Mitigation Officer in 1995. SEMA's mitigation staff formulated a number of key pioneering mitigation programs and projects including: Missouri's Disaster Resistant Community program, securing 33 weather transmitters for rural Missouri, and hazard mitigation planning. Missouri was the first of the 50 states to receive approval of a "Standard" Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the "Enhanced" State Mitigation

For his efforts, Katt received the prestigious NOAA Mark Trail award in 2001. He served on the Missouri Deputy's Council of the Governor's Homeland Security Task Force helping to determine how to disperse the \$186 million in homeland security funding received since 1999.





HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS – A meeting was recently held to brief new SEMA Director Ron Reynolds and new Director of Homeland Security Mike Chapman on Homeland Security Grants. The meeting included information on the status of grants, guidelines, spending, and equipment purchases. Pictured from left: are Tom Mohr (HS program manager), Reynolds, Chapman, and Deputy Director Jim Wakeman (former Ops Chief and HS Grant manager).

FY '05 Homeland Security Grant Totals \$46.9 Million for Missouri

Missouri will receive \$46,951,640 in FY'05 Homeland Security Grants. Missouri submitted the grant application for DHS approval in mid-January. Once ODP approves Missouri's grant application, we will have 60 days to obligate funds to sub-grantees.

FY'05 Grant guidance information and eligible equipment list is on the SEMA homepage at <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/HS%202005.htm>. The local grant applications will be posted to the SEMA homepage sema.dps.mo.gov.

FY'05 funding allocations are: State Homeland Security Program \$20,288,866; Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) total \$15,253,865 (Kansas City will receive \$8,213,126 and St. Louis will receive \$7,040,739); Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program \$7,377,769; Citizens Corps Program \$257,567; Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) \$3,318,388; and Metropolitan Medical Response System Program \$455,184.

The EMPG performance period will be 30 months, to allow for more flexibility at the end of the fiscal year and to align EMPG with the other key ODP programs. The dates of the performance period are October 1, 2004 through March 30, 2007.

Missouri Receives \$2,447,211 Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant

Missouri will receive a \$2,447,211 buffer zone protection grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This grant will be used to protect and secure areas surrounding critical infrastructure and key resource sites such as chemical facilities, dams, and nuclear plants in Missouri. The Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP) provides targeted funding through states to local jurisdictions to purchase equipment that will extend the zone of protection beyond the gates of these critical facilities.

Missouri submitted the BZPP application to the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP). The Missouri sites have already been selected by DHS and work is in progress on the plans. Once ODP approves Missouri's application, identified local jurisdictions are required to complete a BZPP plan for each site and to develop Vulnerability Reduction Purchase Plan by June 1.

STARRS MEETING – St. Louis officials with STARRS and East-West Gateway Regional Planning Commission discussed the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant progress for St. Louis. Pictured from left are: Nick Gragnani (Project Coordinator), Frank C. Schaper (Executive Director of STARRS), Les Stermann (Executive Director of East-West Gateway RPC), Ron Reynolds (SEMA Director), Jim Wakeman (Deputy Director) and Tom Mohr (Homeland Security Grant Manager).



Agro-terrorism Planning Template Is Available from SEMA

To help communities respond to an animal disease outbreak, regardless of how the disease is introduced, SEMA and the Department of Agriculture have collaborated in developing a template that can be adapted for inclusion in Local Emergency Operations Plans.

SEMA will provide the template to interested jurisdictions for your consideration electronically or on a compact disc. For additional information or to request the template, please contact Steve Cheavens at (573) 526-9127 or e-mail: Stephen.Cheavens@sema.dps.mo.gov.

This template was designed because the National Animal Health Emergency Management System (NAHEMS) has, for some time, been examining potential bioterrorism acts and the implications for United States animal agriculture. Intentional acts of terrorism could include the introduction of bacterial/viral organisms or chemical agents at nearly any point in the nation's food processing chain.

NAHEMS goes on to say that animal agriculture is a potential target of agro-terrorism due to:

- Relative ease (compared to incident affecting exclusively human population) of implementation of an agro-terrorist act
- The resulting disruption of the nation's food supply and the negative multiplier effects throughout the food processing and transportation infrastructure of the U.S. economy
- Public fear regarding the safety of their food purchases
- Public fear/apprehension regarding the government's capacity to protect them against human-directed weapons of mass destruction (WMD)
- Public confusion/apprehension resulting from media coverage of response activities; e.g., destruction/disposal of affected livestock, quarantines, etc.
- Disruption of the United States' ability to export food products

If some of these sound far fetched, we only have to recall the effect of a single incident of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) confirmed in the northwestern US in a cow that did not originate in this country. Beef consumption in the US was significantly affected for a brief time and, as of the end of January, there were still about 60 countries that had a complete or partial import ban on US beef, including Japan, our biggest beef importer prior to the incident. The economic impact of a large-scale animal disease outbreak is staggering, not to mention the potential health hazard of a disease that is communicable between animals and humans (zoonosis – rabies, anthrax, etc.).

Downloadable Grants Handbook available from Homeland Defense Journal

The Homeland Defense Journal magazine February 2005 issue features expanded coverage of Grants and a forecast for 2005. A 20-page Grants Handbook in PDF file can be downloaded at no charge from www.homelanddefensejournal.com. The link to the handbook is in the top right banner. The Grants Handbook includes lessons-learned, tips and practical advice for your grants writing team.

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Missouri's EERS Tracking System

By Alan J. Reinkemeyer
Department of Natural Resources

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Environmental Response Section staffs a 24 -hour spill reporting telephone line.

Want to find out if any reports of hazardous substance releases have been made at a particular facility or location? This information is available on the web at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/meerts/index.do>. Under the Missouri Spill Bill (260.500 – 260.550 RSMo) responsible parties/spillers are required to report releases of hazardous substances to the MDNR 24-Hour Environmental Emergency Response (EER) Telephone Line (573-634-2436). However, the majority of the reported releases come from emergency responders first on scene. The department wishes to acknowledge and thank the emergency response community for involving EER in the early notification process.

MDNR EER Duty Officers provide technical assistance regarding the chemical and necessary cleanup actions, work with the spiller to ensure proper cleanup is completed and impact to the local community is minimized, conduct notifications to various agencies, and determine if an on-site response is needed by an MDNR EER On-Scene Coordinator.

MDNR Duty Officer completes an EER Incident Report on each incident. Once the report is finalized, it is made available on the referenced web link. The web link allows users to search the reports via county, date reported, incident cause (leaking underground storage tank, vehicular accident, etc.), property use (railroad, convenience Store, etc.) or medium affected (soil, river/creek, etc.). For more information concerning MEERTS feel free to contact Kristi Rydman at (573) 526-3349.

Columbia, Boone County IEMC

Conducted in Emmitsburg

First they were hit with an ice storm, and the headaches associated with debris removal. About the time the participants gave a collective sigh of relief, they experience a devastating tornado and long-term recovery issues.

70 Columbia and Boone County officials, department heads, first responders, law enforcement, fire, school, University officials and volunteer organizations participated in a weeklong Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) training exercise in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The training was conducted by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"Every one was a little more intense," said Jim McNabb, director of the Boone County/Columbia Office of Emergency Management and coordinator of the trip. "It was pushing the norm and requiring people to think beyond what they normally would and actually present them with a challenge."

Participants also dealt with issues related to both trained and untrained, spontaneous volunteers. "Volunteer organizations play a vital and critical role in the survival of any community," McNabb said.

Participants said the third simulation, recovering from the tornado, presented the most challenge.

Assistant City Manager Paula Hertwig-Hopkins said the group plans to take a hard look at long term recovery needs, in addition to making sure the day-to-day government operations continue functioning.

Boone County Presiding Commissioner Keith Schnarre said the group's emergency plans worked well. "There was just some fine-tuning (needed), and that's the reason we went out there."

Hertwig-Hopkins agreed: "All of the facilitators concurred at the end that Columbia and Boone County was one of the best and most prepared groups that had ever gone through the course. I was really proud of everyone that was there."

The IEMC is offered in numerous versions to meet current needs for specific communities and/or special events. Versions include Preparedness and Response issues and a follow-on component addressing Recovery and Mitigation issues for the following courses:

- IEMC/All Hazards
- IEMC/Hurricane
- IEMC/Earthquake
- IEMC/Hazardous Materials
- IEMC/Homeland Security (Terrorism)
- IEMC/Agriculture - Food (Terrorism)
- IEMC/Special Event (National Conventions, Olympic Sites, Major Sporting events, etc.)
- IEMC/Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)
- IEMC/State Specific
- IEMC/Joint Course with FEMA's Healthcare Leadership Program

All jurisdictions applying for the IEMC Community Specific programs should coordinate the request letter with state emergency management agencies and the FEMA regional training managers. Additional information about the IEMC programs can be obtained at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IEMC/>

Applications for Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) Community Specific Programs are being accepted by the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) for FY06. Applications should be sent to Mr. Stephan Sharro, Superintendent, Emergency Management Institute, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD, 21727 before April 15, 2005. Questions concerning the IEMC Community Specific programs can be addressed to Ray Chevalier, Training Specialist (ray.chevalier@dhs.gov), Phil McDonald, Training Specialist (phil.mcdonald@dhs.gov) or Al Fluman, Branch Chief (al.fluman@dhs.gov).

Information on the IEMC Program

Since 1983 the Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) has been the Federal Emergency Management Agency's premier course addressing emergency response and recovery activities for the total community. As noted in the title, "integration" of community functions, resources, organizations and individuals, in all phases of emergency management, is stressed throughout this "exercise-based" training. To achieve this end, the following objectives are accomplished:

- Analyze community emergency plans, policies, and procedures
- Identify additional community emergency planning needs
- Clarify community emergency management roles and responsibilities
- Improve community emergency management teamwork and coordination
- Improve community emergency response and recovery capabilities
- Improve community NIMS awareness and implementation through exercising

CERT Training Curriculum Updated

The Community Emergency Response (CERT) Training Committee met at the State Emergency Operation Center on March 2nd to put the final touches on the CERT training program curriculum. The committee is made up of the state level instructors normally tasked with teaching the Train-the-Trainer courses throughout the state. The committee was tasked with improving the CERT training material delivered to the citizens of the state and the Train-the-Trainer course to enhance the training received by the CERT training cadre.

This project is being accomplished through a partnership with the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MUFRTI) and SEMA. The course participant manuals should be available for purchase through the Department of Corrections print shop by the end of March. The instructor guides will be available at the same time from the training section at SEMA. - Jim Charrier SEMA, State Training Officer

SEMA is offering Area Specific CERT Train-the-trainer (T-t-T) courses. The 2-day classes are:

- April 12 for Area A in Kansas City;
- April 26 for Area D in Springfield,
- May 10 for Area E in Cape Girardeau,
- May 17 for Area G in Ava,
- June 21 in Jefferson City,
- July 1 for Area C in Eureka,
- July 26 for Area B in Kirksville,
- August 16 for Area I in Rolla,
- September 7 in Jefferson City.



FY 03-04 SEMA Training Schedule

Date	Title	Location
3/15-17/05	Effective Communications PDS, POST	Branson
3/16-17/05	Hazardous Weather & Flood Preparedness POST	Jefferson City
3/21-22	Hazardous Weather & Flood Preparedness POST	Jefferson City,
		Kansas City, Springfield, St Louis, Poplar Bluff
3/23-24/05	Hazardous Weather & Flood Preparedness POST	CEMA/St. Louis
3/29-31/05	WMD for Public Works	Springfield
4/5-7/05	Principles of Emergency Mgt PDS, POST	Macon
4/11-13/05	Leadership & Influence PDS, POST	CEMA/St. Louis
4/12-14/05	Mass Fatalities Incident Repose POST	Springfield
4/12-14/05	CERT T-t-T Area A only	Kansas City
4/12-13/05	ICS Basic Law Enforcement POST	St. Charles
4/14/05	Decision making & Problem Solving PDS POST	CEMA/St. Louis
4/20-21/05	Developing & Managing Volunteers PDS POST	Chesterfield
4/26-28/05	CERT T-t-T Area D only	Springfield
5/10-12/05	CERT T-t-T Area E only	Cape Girardeau
5/10-12/05	Emergency Planning PDS, POST	Chesterfield
5/10-12/05	EOC Management & Operations	Jefferson City
5/16-19/05	Incident Mgt/Unified Command POST	Springfield
5/17-19/05	CERT T-t-T Area G only	Ava
5/17-19/05	Homeland Security for Local Governments	CEMA/St. Louis
5/24-26/04	Homeland Security for Local Governments	CEMA/St. Louis
5/26/05	Damage Assessment POST	Maryville
6/1-2/05	Principles of Emergency Mgt PDS POST	Kansas City
6/7-8/05	Leadership & Influence PDS POST	St. Joseph
6/7-8/05	Donations Management Area D only	Springfield
6/8-9/05	Resource Management	CEMA/St. Louis
6/9/05	Decision Making/Problem Solving PDS POST	St Joseph
6/13-14/05	ICS Basic: Law Enforcement POST	Cape Girardeau
6/14-15/05	Special Events Contingency Planning	Independence
6/14-15/05	Mitigation Planning for Local Government	Springfield
6/14-16/05	Emergency Planning for Special Needs APDS	St. Charles
6/21-23/05	CERT T-t-T	Jefferson City
7/12-14/05	CERT T-t-T Area C only	Eureka
7/12-14/05	EOC Management & Operations	Willow Springs
7/13-14/05	Incident Command for Public Works	Kansas City
7/19-20/05	Mitigation Planning for Local Governments	Kansas City
7/20-21/05	Donations Management	Chesterfield
7/26-28/05	CERT T-t-T Area B only	Kirksville
8/3-4/05	Resource Management	Kansas City
8/3-4/05	Radiological Emergency Management	Springfield
8/9-11/05	Emergency Planning PDS, POST	Jefferson City
8/16-17/05	ICS Basic: Law Enforcement POST	Chillicothe
8/16-18/05	Mass Fatalities Incident Response POST	St. Louis
8/16-18/05	CERT T-t-T Area I only	Rolla
8/23/05	Exercise Design & Evaluation PDS, POST	Chillicothe
8.29-31/05	Emergency Operations for Local Gov APDS	Kansas City
9/6-8/05	Effective Communications PDS, POST	Jefferson City
9/7-9/05	CERT T-t-T	Jefferson City
9/7-9/05	Debris Management	Joplin
9/13-15/05	Emergency Planning for Special Needs	Kansas City
9/21-22/05	Community Mass Care Management	CEMA/St. Louis



232 Attend Crisis Communications Conference

SEMA's Crisis Communications Conference attracted 232 participants. Of that number, 90 telecommunicators/dispatchers received continuing education credits for attending a 4-hour workshop taught by Jan Rice of the St. Louis Police Department.

Conference speakers included: keynote speaker, Donna Forgy on "Communications Skills," Ted Bruce on "Liability Issues for 911 Telecommunicators", Jim Biggerstaff on "State Interoperability Plan Overview", Jim Kramper on "Get Your Weather on the Internet", Roger Volk and George Schlinder on "Emergency Radio System", R. D. Porter on "911 Addressing", Kevin Brown and Susan Green on "Coordination Between EMA and Communications Volunteers", and Tim Mosier on "Regional Interoperable Communications".

Who Needs to Take The NIMS Introductory Course

Last September when the Secretary of Homeland Security sent a letter to the nation's governors, he outlined a series of steps that must be taken and actions that should be taken in FY 2005 to become compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Specifically the letter said that state, territorial, tribal and local level jurisdictions should support NIMS implementation by completing the NIMS awareness course National Incident Management System, An Introduction – IS 700. This independent study course explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. The Secretary clearly intended to provide discretion to state, territorial, tribal and local governments in deciding who should take the course.

As further guidance, the NIMS Integration Center encourages all emergency personnel with a direct role in emergency preparedness, incident management or response to take the NIMS course by Oct. 1, 2005. It is offered free-of-charge through the Emergency Management Institute at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>.

Who should take the course in FY'05?

Executive Level - Political and government leaders, agency and organization administrators and department heads; personnel that fill ICS roles as Unified Commanders, Incident Commanders, Command Staff, General Staff in either Area Command or single

incidents; senior level Multi-Agency Coordination System personnel; senior emergency managers; and Emergency Operations Center Command or General Staff.

Managerial Level - Agency and organization management between the executive level and first level supervision; personnel who fill ICS roles as Branch Directors, Division/Group Supervisors, Unit Leaders, technical specialists, strike team and task force leaders, single resource leaders and field supervisors; midlevel Multi-Agency Coordination System personnel; EOC Section Chiefs, Branch Directors, Unit Leaders; and other emergency management/response personnel who require a higher level of ICS/NIMS Training.

Responder Level - Emergency response providers and disaster workers, entry level to managerial level including Emergency Medical Service personnel; firefighters; medical personnel; police officers; public health personnel; public works/utility personnel; and other emergency management response personnel.

The NIMS introductory course very likely will be required in FY'06 for state, territorial, tribal and local personnel who have emergency assignments at any level of government. Full NIMS compliance is required by September 30, 2006.

NOTE: Dept of Homeland Security recognizes that some online independent study participants are experiencing delays in gaining access to the IS-700 course. The Emergency Management Institute is addressing this and the problem will be alleviated.

Changes at SEMA

Promotions

Jim Wakeman is the new Deputy Director. He was promoted from Operations Branch Chief.

Tammy Sweezer is the new Radiological Emergency Preparedness Asst in Operations. She transferred from the training section.

New Employees

Ronald Reynolds is new SEMA Director.

Jamie Dake is the Citizens Corps Coordinator working closely with both Dante and Tom Mohr.

Retirements

Beaufort "Buck" Katt SEMA deputy director retired on January 7. Enjoy your retirement!

Resignations

Kimberley Springer policy director for Missouri's Homeland Security Advisor resigned from SEMA effective February 15 to take a position with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Condolences

Former SEMA Director **Dick Rice** died unexpectedly at his Columbia home on Feb. 13, 2005. Rice was the SEMA director from 1983-85 under Governors Kit Bond. Rice and John Ashcroft. Ashcroft selected Rice to be Director, Public Safety from 1986 through January 1993. Rice selected R.D. Ross as SEMA Director to replace him. Under Dick's leadership, the Ike Skelton Training Site was conceived, funded and mostly built. Before working for the state, Rice was in the active Army and served as the Professor of Military Science at the University of Missouri - Columbia.

Mark Winkler, SEMA Area E Coordinator on the death of his mother.

Former SEMA Operations Officer COL (Ret) **Chester Schulze** died March 7, 2005. He served as the Operations Officer from 1978 to 1987.

MFDADRT Can Help During A Mass Fatality Disaster

By Vernie Fountain, Chairman

Emergency Preparedness Committee, Missouri Funeral Directors Assn. Disaster Response Team

The volunteer Missouri Funeral Directors Association Disaster Response Team (MFDADRT) is comprised of professional embalmers and funeral directors from the rank and file of the association membership as well as other volunteers with specific expertise necessary to coordinate and facilitate a proper response to any mass fatality disaster.

It was organized in 1983 as a result of the cooperative efforts of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Funeral Directors Association and the Missouri Funeral Directors Association. The Missouri Funeral Directors Association is a non-profit association comprised of professional embalmers, funeral directors and associated suppliers and is headquartered in Jefferson City. It is the organization designated by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) in Annex T of the State Emergency Operations Plan to assist with the handling of the dead in mass fatality disasters.

Concept of Operation: The MFDADRT team has continually coordinated and planned in close alliance with SEMA for over twenty years. It stands ready to assist in any disaster situation when requested by the Coroner or Medical Examiner that has jurisdictional responsibility for the disaster dead. Services of the team are free of charge however necessary expenses must be funded by local, state, or Federal governments, insurance carriers or donated funds. We know disasters, whether man-made or natural, can over tax local, or state governments and available qualified personnel.

MFDADRT Disaster Assessment Team: The MFDADRT can be deployed to assist with a mass fatality disaster based upon a request from a local Coroner/Medical Examiner who has jurisdiction over the disaster dead.

Because MFDADRT is a unique and important state asset, SEMA is an initial point of contact for requesting MFDADRT resources. In catastrophic disasters MFDADRT will also respond to a SEMA coordinated request from local, state and Federal government agencies.

Emergency requests for MFDADRT should be directed to the SEMA 24-hour emergency number (573) 751-2748. SEMA will immediately contact the Missouri Funeral Directors Association Headquarters in Jefferson City.

Following a request for mass fatality disaster response the MFDADRT leadership will muster two or three team members; preferably state coordinators that will serve as an Assessment Team. The Assessment Team will travel, by the best and most timely means available, to the disaster impact area. Upon arrival they will meet with local authorities and begin an assessment of the situation.

The assessment team can provide the coroner and local officials with recommendations regarding a myriad of issues, such as but not limited to, legal, ethical, respect, dignity, religious, psychological, administrative issues, appropriate response measures and various operational issues related to the care and handling of the dead. It can coordinate with local, state and Federal agencies to facilitate and implement plans for recovery, evacuation, identification and repatriation of the fatalities. In a catastrophic disaster, if necessary, MFDADRT can develop and implement plans for a well-coordinated mass burial.

Direction and Control: Normally disaster fatalities are, by Missouri state law, under the jurisdiction of the local Coroner or Medical Examiner. However, catastrophic circumstances of the disaster may alter normal jurisdictional responsibilities. It is not the intent of MFDADRT Leadership to supersede

the jurisdictional authority of local, state or Federal agencies that have, by law, the responsibility to care for the dead in mass fatality incidents. Rather, our mission is to support and assist where necessary with the operational effort.

History of Deployment: MFDADRT was called upon to assist with the operational activities of the Hardin Cemetery Disaster in Hardin, Missouri during the floods of 1993 when over 700 graves and human remains were displaced by the flood. During the four and one half month operation the team provided services in the areas of family assistance, recovery, evacuation, identification and mass reburial of those human remains. Hundreds volunteers and well over 10,000 man-hours went into the operation.

MFDADRT recognizes that from the time of the disaster occurrence and throughout all the necessary mortuary operations and until the dead are released to their family, the Mortuary Team is the only "temporary family" the victims have. We will follow the Golden Rule at all times.

MFDADRT is dedicated to providing the highest professional standards of care to the fatally injured victims of disaster and their families. It stands ready to respond to any type of disaster at any time needed. Feel free to call for additional information.

For more information: Contact the Missouri Funeral Directors Association Headquarters, 1105 R. Southwest Blvd, P. O. Box 104688, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4688. The Association's phone is 1-800-748-7661 or (573) 748-7661. The fax number is 573-635-9494.

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Behind the scenes...

Good News Stories from Communitites and Staff

Editor's Note: *This is a new column in the newsletter to give kudu's to outstanding community programs and SEMA employees.*

A CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class will be conducted for the Poplar Bluff (MO) Industrial Park.

KSNF in Joplin reported, "Area law enforcement officers receive a new tool to help with the fight against meth. Thanks to the help of the Homeland Security grant, the Joplin Police Department received 78 new sets of chemical gear. The new gear sets will aid in the event of a terrorist attack, they will also aid in the war on drugs. Police officers say it will help safeguard officers around meth labs." The equipment was part of a Homeland Security grant through SEMA to the Missouri Police Chiefs Association, which has pledged to give a set of gear to every officer in the entire state.

Area # E Coordinator Mark Winkler and Cape County EMD Dave Hitt provided a weather notification SOP to Caruthersville EMD Charlie Jones for the Storm Ready program. Winkler also traveled with Jones to Memphis National Weather Service offices to deliver community information for the certification.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was recently upgraded. One of the grades required 40 laptops have wireless connection. This project was accomplished in record time thanks to the hard work of SEMA's Information Technology (IT) gurus: Jeff Falter, Jim Bernskoetter, Marilyn Carrender and Helen Stewart.

SEMA was tasked with coordinating Governor Blunt's Inaugural Parade. In addition to contacting the marching units, and making sure the parade started without a hitch, SEMA

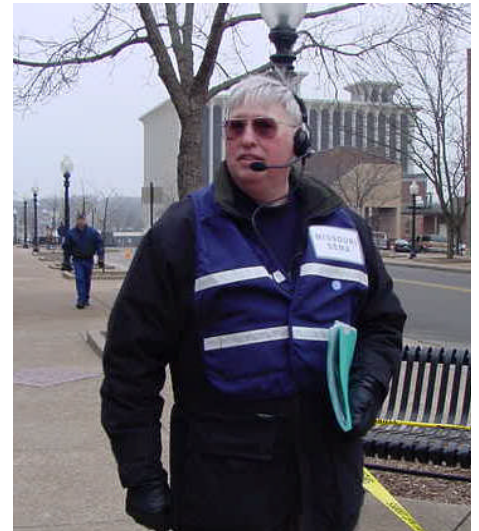
was tasked with making sure disabled veterans were able to easily join the parade at the Courthouse.

Media Masters Spokesman training in preparation for the Graded Callaway Nuclear Power Plant Drill was



Inaugural Parade: Ed Gray in Sons of American Revolution uniform with the late former director of SEMA Richard Rice. Randy Scrivner makes sure disabled veteran easily join the parade. Parade Coordinators George Riedel, Steven Cheavens and Jim Wakeman.

conducted for both Ameren employees and state agency representatives from SEMA, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Transportation, and Missouri State Highway Patrol.



Spokesman Training: Pre-press conference briefing participants are from left SEMA's Chuck May, John Hummel, Roger Connell, George Riedel and Ameren John Howell.



Summer Severe Weather Campaign Set for June 20-26

The National Weather Service (NWS), the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) and State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) are combining their efforts to keep Missourians safe this summer with the Summer Severe Weather Awareness Campaign, June 29-26. The campaign focuses on both heat and lightening hazards at the start of the summer before many families go on vacation and outdoor recreational activities are slated every night.

During the summer, the elderly are at greatest risk from heat. In addition to the elderly, infants, young children, and people with chronic health problems (especially pre-existing heart disease) or disabilities are more vulnerable to the effects of heat. People, who are not acclimated to hot weather, overexert themselves, are overweight, or use alcohol or drugs (both over-the-counter and prescription drugs) are at great risk.

The National Weather Service reports that 85% of lightning victims are children and young men between the ages of 10-35 engaged in recreational activities. The NWS reports that 25% of the strike victims die. Most common lightning strike locations are open fields, recreational areas, and golf courses. A common misconception is you are safe if you stand under trees. Other common strike locations areas involved heavy equipment, telephone poles, radio transmitters or antennas.



USPS Dirrector of Joint Planning Henry Pankey and SEMA Director Ron Reynolds

Missouri and USPS Joint Planning Meeting Biohazard Detection System Preparedness

Approximately 30 state and Federal decision makers discussed the United States Postal Service Biohazard Detection System (BDS) preparedness program planning for Missouri response.

Following the 2002 Anthrax response, President Bush issued the Homeland Security Presidential Directive HSPD #5 on Biohazard Detection.

During the Missouri meeting, the USPS presented an overview of Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance and the USPS Standard Operation Procedures including advanced detection systems, employee groupings, personnel decontamination, and medication. The group also focused on the National Communications Plan for media, local first responders, public officials and the USPS Inspection Service during positive alert.

The meeting facilitated discussion groups focusing on Preparation/Planning for first responder and public health capabilities. Another discussion focused on MO Specific BDS Preparation and training, and guidance for the Inspection Service, FBI, local law enforcement, public health (laboratory/med-dispensary), and first responders

At A Glance

New Directors

Richard Stirts Jr EMD and **Travis Trent** Deputy EMD Rogersville (Webster County); **Wilma Runyan** EMD Higginsville (Lafayette County); **Kenneth Fleetwood** EMD Annapolis (Iron County); Captain **Diane Scanga** EMD Oakland (St. Louis County); **Dale Keith** EMD Mansfield (Wright County); **Doug Todd** EMD Golden City (Barton County); and **Toni Nichols** EMD Crocker (Pulaski County).

Recuperating

John Hark EMD Marion County/Hannibal is recuperating from cancer surgery. Since he will be staring chemo treatments he will not be able to attend the spring conference. "This is the first SEMA/MEPA Conference that I've missed," he said. Get Well, John!